THE DEMON BENSON.

He Cheats the Gallows By Killing Himself.

He First Stabs the Juiler and Then Himself Terrible Struggle in the Leavenworth Jull-Thrilling Scene in the Idaho Penitentiary.

Henson's Terrible Deed.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 14.—No Whitechapel flend ever committed a crime more cruel or revolting than that of Charles A. Benson, when on the night of March 23 he shot Mrs. Theresa Mettman on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, dismembered her body with a saw, placed the pieces in sacks and threw them into the Missouri river. Anarchist Lingg displayed no more disregard for physical suffering, contrived no more cunningly at his own death or showed more real nerve in the execution.

Benson died in the jail at Leavenworth at 7:50 o'clock last evening from the effects of knife wounds inflicted by his own hands. This, after a murderous assault upon his day guard, Capt. J. W. Morgan. Benson's end of life was as peaceful as the past few years had been stormy. He had been placed under the influence of chloroform that his wounds might be examined and treated and he never reguined conscious-

Since the United States supreme court some ten days ago affirmed the decision of the lower court and declared that Benson should hang he had been confined in a room apart from other prisoners and had been under guard night and day. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock Capt. Morgan relieved Night Guard W. J. Powell. Benson displayed no unusual excitement at that time. few minutes later he grew restless. He was standing by the door when Morgan noticed his change in manner, asked him what the matter was and started toward him. The little murderer then turned upon his keeper with the ferocity of a tiger, knocked him down, stamped his head, inflicting serious wounds, and finally attempted to smother him with a blanket.

Morgan yelled for mercy and Benson finally desisted. Trusty Rand, on the floor below heard Morgan's half-smoth- bill, and Mr. Washburn made a deered yell. He at first thought it was the lowing of Sheriff Flora's cow in the yard. Then the sounds grew more dis-tinet and Band and Deputy Howard rushed up stairs. Benson heard them coming and cried out the wooden door separating them: "Fil kill the first an who comes in here."

The murderer was then overpowered and Dr. Lane sent for. It was not then known that he had stabbed bimself. but he declared that he had taken polson and would soon be dead.

Dr. Lane walked up to the man and

hastily opened his vest and shirt, laying bare the skin. Then were revealed two knife wounds, just below the lower rib and to the left of the center line. They were each about three-fourths of an inch broad, and both penetrated to the wall of the stomach. They were made with an old butcher knife which Benson had secured and secreted in the lining of his shoe. They were made after the assault upon Morgan and before Sheriff Flora entered the room. Shortly after 11 o'clock the surgeon placed Benson under the influence of chloroform, opened his stomach and began an exmination of the wounds. They coneluded at 12 o'clock. Benson never regained consciousness and died at 7:20.

In a Paoper's Grave. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 17.—The body of Charles A. Benson, butcher of Mrs. Mettman, who made a desperate assault upon Capt. Morgan, his day guard, and then stabbed himself to death, was buried in the potter's field at Mount Muncie cemetery this afternoon at the expense of the county.

Desperate Idaho Convict.

Bosse, Idaho, Dec. 19.-A thrilling tragedy, resulting in the almost instant death of Samuel Halton, a noted desperado, occurred in the Idaho peniten-The man who did the killing was Howard French, turnkey of the prison, and a coroner's jury indersed his action. Halton occupied a cell in the topmost gallery of the main building of the penitentiary ever since his incarceration in 1885. He had been unonly and rebellious, and during the past month had been closely confined and fed upon bread and water. The turnkey, accompanied by a trusty, had gone to Halton's cell with the latter's breakfast, which the vicious fellow refused to receive. French left the cell, but before he could close the grated door Halton sprang upon him. French is a powerful man, but he was but a child in the grasp of the maddened convict. The trusty fled, leaving the two men engaged in a deadly struggle. The galis fifty feet above the stone floor of the prison and is surrounded by a iron railing. Halton forced French to this railing and tried to double his head over it and break his neck. He exerted terrible pressure and the tendons of the officer's neck fairly cracked under the strain. Seeing that he could not kill French by this cruel mode, he tried to throw him over the railing upon the adamantine floor beneath. Halton had all but accomplished his deadly purpose, when the timid trusty stepped up and pulled him away his intended victim. Halton from turned upon the trusty and the latter The murderous convict again grappled with French, making a superuman effort to throw him from the lofty gallery, when French drew a bowie-knife and stabbed him to the The convict staggered back, cried out, "Send a letter to mother,"

During the progress of this terrible struggle ninety convicts were at breakfast in the same building, in plain view of the combat. They became panicstricken, and yelled like maniacs. The smell of human blood seemed to set them wild, and a sanguinary insurrection seemed probable, but French, with characteristic nerve, confronted the convicts and commanded them to sit down. They obeyed the order and were quietly marched to their cells.

CONGRESS

Summary of the Week's Proceedings of the Senate and House.

TUESDAY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-In the senate resterday the joint resolution for the appointment of a commission to make an agreement with the five civilized tribes of Indians for allotment of their lands in severalty, and for opening the Indian territory to settlement, was discussed during the morning hour, and then over without action. The antioption bill was taken up, and the rest of the day's session was occupied by Mr. George, of Mississippi, in advocacy of that bill.

In the house a contest took place between the ways and means and appropriations committees as to which should investigate the treasury, which was won by the former. Most of the day vas consumed in considering the senate bill enlarging the provisions of the act for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States and Mexico of the La Abra claims. Other proceedings were unimportant.

WEDNESDAY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15,-The famous McGarrahan claim occupied the attention of the senate yesterday up to 2 o'clock, when it went over, the question being upon the passage of the bill over the president's veto sent in at the late session. Mr. George then continued his speech in favor of the anti-option Before his speech was concluded bill. the bill was laid aside, and Mr. Daniel's resolution calling for information on the subject of the civil service was taken up and agreed to. After a short executive session the senate adjourned.

In the house, after a brief debate, the army appropriation bill passed. Among the other measures passed was the bill extending the provisions of the act for the immediate transportation of goods to Duluth, Minn. Also a bill extending for one year the provisions of the act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Red river. Adjourned.

THURSDAY.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- In the senate esterday a strong presentation in favor of the claimant in the McGarrahan case was made by Mr. Hunton, of Virginia. Mr. George brought to a close his threeday speech in favor of the anti-option termined but fruitless effort to have a day next week fixed for a vote upon it. The house amendment to the senate bill of last session extending to Duluth, Minn., the privilege of the first section "immediate transportation of dutiable goods" act was presented and concurred in. The senate then went into executive session and soon adjourned till Monday.

The house agreed to a resolution for a holiday recess from Thursday before Christmas to the Wednesday after New The bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to cover into the treasury \$48,800 of the appropriation for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians passed. A bill was passed to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Kickapoo Indians in Oklahoma territory. Adjourned until Saturday.

SATURDAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.- The senate vas not in session Saturday.

In the house there was a very slim attendance and but little business transacted. Mr. Breckinridge (Ky.) reported the fortifications bill. Mr. Otis (Kan.) tried to have a resolution reported instructing the ways and means committee to report at an early date an income tax bill, but it failed under objections from Mr. Springer. Mr. Outhwaite called up the senate bill for the enlargement of the military post at Fort Wayne, Mich. Passed. The next bill called up was one appropriating \$50,000 to enable the secretary of war to acquire a good and valid title to For Brown reservation, Texas. It was passed. The house then considered the bill relative to the pending accounts en the United States and th state of Florida. It involves about \$5, 000, but no action was taken. Meyer (La.) announced the death o Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, and as mark of respect the house adjourned

MONDAY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. - Soon after th reading of the Journal in the senat yesterday Mr. Gorman announced the death of Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, and delivered a brief eulogy, after

which the senate adjourned. There was a very slim attendance when the house met. Mr. Wilson, of Missouri, called up the senate bill increasing the pension of pensioners of the Mexican war from \$8 to \$12 a month. The bill was passed. Mr. Culberson, of Texas, moved to suspend the rules and pass a bill limiting the jurisdiction of the circuit and district courts of the United States. The bill prohibits suits in United States courts by or against corporations, except to the courts of the legal domicile of the corporation in cases where jurisdiction depends upon the citizenship of the parties. The motion was agreed to and the house adjourned.

WRECKED.

Sleeping Men Crushed and Burned in a

Minnesota Wreek.
ALEXANDRIA, Minn., Dec. 20.—A wreck occurred on the Great Northern at Nelson, about six miles east of here at 1 o'clock this morning. The wreckers stationed at this place were clearing up a small wreck that occurred the night before, and after finishing the work about 9 o'clock, the men went into the caboose and soon fell asleep, expecting the wrecker to pull out for St.

Cloud at any time. About 1 o'clock an eastbound freight came down the long grade west of Nelson and ran into the rear end of the wrecker at almost full speed. men in the caboose were killed except two who jumped through the window before the train caught fire. men were taken from the burning caboose, but were dead, and the rest of the bodies were burned. Four of the men were found, but all but one was so badly burned that nothing but the bones remained. Six other men, who were in a box car, were badly injured and one fireman was also badly hurt, having an arm broken.

MARKET REPORTS.

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Kaness City, Dec 20.

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Sheep-Receipts since Saturday, 172, ship-ped Saturday, 43R, Good muttons and lambs were strong: others steady. The following are representative sales:

20 lambs ... 80 \$5.00 | 31 lambs ... 70 \$6.00 23 mix ... 66 \$30 | 50 mut ... 90 \$10

Chicago Live Stock.

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Chicago, Dec 23 - Hogs - Receipts, 45,000;
official Saturday, 65,66 shipments Saturday,
6,231; left over about 4,000; quality fair, market fairly active and prices hallow lower. Sules
ranged at 16 10-26,40 for light: 61,1048,20 for
rough packing; 65,20|5,65 for mixed; 85,36,70
for heavy packing and shipping lots; pigs 85,00
68,15.

Cattle-Receipts, 21,000; official Saturday, L-657; shipments Saturday, E.500; market quiet and dull, prices tending lower. Sheep-Receipts, 7,04; Official Saturday, 1,-28; Saltyments Saturday, 1,321, market fairly active and prices steady.

Kansas City Grain Market.

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Kansas City Dec. 20.—Hard whent sold by sample to day is to be lower than Saturday, though at the close there was a rather strong freeling. Soft wheat was steady. Shippers were entirely out of the market and not all the usual local buyers were in the market. The receipts were 26 cars, against 50 cars a year and Prices were guoted as follows. No. 2 hard wheat, 57,256; No. 2 hard wheat, 56,256; No. 2 red wheat, 56,256; No. 2 red wheat, 67,650; No. 3 red wheat, 58,256; No. 2 red wheat, 58,256; No. 3 red wheat, 58,256; No. 4 red wheat, 58,256; No. 5 red wheat, 58,256

The corn market was quiet without any change in prices. Seliers tried to get an advance, but they did not succeed. Receipts were 73 cars, against 145 cars a year ago. No. 2 mixed corn sold at 352,33 cr. No. 3 mixed, 254 spike; No. 4, 35c No. 2 white, 119,474 cr. No. 2 white, 119,474 cr. No. 3 corn.

Outs were weak. Receipts were 24 mars, against 11 cars a your ago. Cash prices. No. 2 mixed, 25,26 cr. No. 2 white, 119,28 cr. No. 3 whit

My var arm. So result to yellow Ad & Sciette, No. 4, nominally 21 (No. Hay Receipts, 15 cars market 5/e higher, Quotations are: Timothy, choice, 81.00; rood, R80ag 90; clover mixed, 81.00;8.00 per ion; fance peatric, 83.30 good to choice, 81.50;8.00; common 15 to 17 as

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Dec. 33.	Opened	High'st	Low's t	Closing
Wh't-Dec	79	21	69%	64%
Mar	76%	76%	76	7614
July	10	47.5	4117	74.9
Corn - Dec	9176	4176	420	1014
May	445	17.7	167	4637
Oats - Dec	30	20	30	20
Jan	30%	3/3/	33%	30%
May	34%	24%	34%	345
Pork Dec	11.30	14 84	11 89	14-84
Jan	15 75	16 37-4	16 05	16 20
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May	8.824	8.59%	0.023	N 82-8

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Kassas Citt, Dec. 20 -Eggs-Fair receipts plentiful firm, strictly fresh, 22 ser loe house, 24c; held stendy, 18g18c. Butter-Large ceipus plentifui firm strictly fresh, 2 sci los house, 20c held stendy, 18gHs. Britter—Large receipus, fair domand creamery, steady, famey, 25g2cc. good. 25c store parked, 17gHs. Dairy, 25g2cc. good. 25c store parked, 17gHs. Dairy, 17gHs. good demand, active, firm extra famer, 17gHs. good for creeipts, almost no demand, decining \$35c brokers, 838 ye per lb. Turkeys—Large receipts, more active, firm, 8a. Ducks—Weak, 6c per lb. Gesse, \$35'ye in Pigeoss—Not wanted, fie dressed. Apples—Light receipts, quiet common, dull, steady, 1.8 grabs famer, scarce, firm, 275'gHs. Michigan, 210'gBs. New York, 80'gBs. Michigan, 210'gBs. Delaware, 84'gBs. per 10'db. basket. Crunberries—Firm, 85'gBs. per 10'db. basket. Grunberries—Firm, 85'gBs. per 10'db. basket. Crunberries—Firm, 85'gBs. per 10'db. basket. Crunberries—Firm, 85'gBs. per 10'db. basket. Grunberries—Firm, 85'gBs. p

Collapse in Trust Stocks.

New Yorks, Dec. 20—Sterling exchange brokers commenced early this morning to make preparations for gold shipments and up to noon engagements hall been made by five different firms for the exportation of \$1,00,000 in gold to

A firmer tone characterized the opening of A firmer tone characterizes the opening of the atock market and a few stocks showed fractional gales, but ten minutes after the opening heavy selling of the "industrials" commenced and prices declined rapidly under the leadership of Distilling and Cattle Feeding company's shares, which dropped nearly 2 per cent, selling, except dividend of 15 per cent, and control of the per cent, and contr at 62 Cordage dropped 1%, Chicago Gas 1% and National Lead I. The railroad stocks were comparatively steady, but a few of them, Rock Island being most conspicuous, dropped 14 to 14

per cent.
The market after 11 o'clock developed in creased firmness for the railways which made further fractional advances, but later lost the improvement owing to a fresh onelaught on the improvement owing to a fresh onslaught on the Industrials. Distillers and cattle feeders and Chicago Gas broke rapidly before noon under heavy setting and when, shortly after 12 o'clock, money got up to 25 and then to 45 per cent, prices dropped of rapidly. Distillers reaching 57 and Chicago Gas St, declines of 7 and 6 per cent, respectively. All shocks were more or less affected by the decline in these two.

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